

House Bill 867 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

By: Representative Stephens of the 164th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

To amend Article 2 of Chapter 8 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to regional commissions, so as to create the Commission on Regional Planning; to provide for certain exceptions; to provide for the membership and duties of such commission; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Article 2 of Chapter 8 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to regional commissions, is amended by designating Code Sections 50-8-30 through 50-8-47 of said article as Part 1 and adding a new part to read as follows:

"Part 2

50-8-50.

There is created the Commission on Regional Planning. The Commission on Regional Planning shall coordinate state contract terms, identify appropriate state and federal funding for commissions in the pursuit of shared service delivery goals, coordinate planning of state and federal resource allocation and state service delivery, and identify issues and opportunities requiring state, regional, or local action. This Code section shall not apply to or affect aging programs and services that are under the authority of the Division of Aging Services of the Department of Human Services for planning and administration purposes pursuant to the federal Older Americans Act of 1965.

50-8-51.

(a) The Commission on Regional Planning shall be governed by a board of directors that shall initially consist of the following members:

(1) The Governor;

(2) The chairperson of each council governing each commission as defined in Code Section 50-8-31;

(3) The president or executive director of the Association County Commissioners of Georgia;

(4) The president or executive director of the Georgia Municipal Association;

(5) The commissioner of community affairs;

(6) The commissioner of economic development;

(7) The commissioner of human services;

(8) The commissioner of natural resources;

(9) The commissioner of transportation;

(10) The director of the Environmental Protection Division;

(11) The director of the Georgia Environmental Facilities Authority;

(12) A designee of the Lieutenant Governor;

(13) A designee of the Speaker of the House of Representatives; and

(14) A designee of the State School Superintendent.

(b) The Governor shall serve as chairperson of the Commission on Regional Planning.

The Governor is authorized to appoint other members to the Commission on Regional Planning as appropriate. The commissioner of community affairs shall serve as executive director of the Commission on Regional Planning. The chairperson of the appropriate committees of the Senate and the House of Representatives, as determined by the Lieutenant Governor and the Speaker of the House of Representatives, respectively, may serve as ex-officio nonvoting members of the Commission on Regional Planning.

50-8-52.

Each executive director of each commission established pursuant to Part 1 of this article shall act as an adviser to the Commission on Regional Planning."

SECTION 2.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.